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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
NEW JERSEY STATE
BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF

THOMAS J. LISZEWSKI, L.P.N. License # NP 05945500

TO PRACTICE NURSING IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Administrative Action

FINAL ORDER OF DISCIPLINE

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Nursing ("the Board") upon receipt of information which the Board has reviewed and on which the following findings of fact and conclusions of law are made:

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Respondent is a licensed practical nurse in the State of New Jersey, and has been a licensee at all times relevant hereto.
- 2. On or about October 19, 2014, a letter of inquiry was sent to respondent on behalf of the Board, asking for information concerning an arrest on October 13, 2014 on charges of assaulting the police and resisting arrest. The letter also asked for documentation of nursing continuing education courses completed in the last three years.

- 3. The letter was sent to respondent at his address of record by certified and regular mail. The certified mailing was returned, unclaimed. The regular mailing was not returned. No response has been received to date.
- 4. On respondent's renewal application of April 1, 2013, he indicated that all required nursing continuing education for the 2011-2013 licensing cycle would be completed by May 31, 2013.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. Respondent's failure to respond to the Board's inquiry or to provide the Board with a valid mailing address constitutes a violation of N.J.A.C. 13:45C-1.2, -1.3, subjecting respondent to sanctions pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e) and (h).
- 2. Respondent's failure to provide documentation, in the form of certificates of completion of nursing continuing education requirements for the 2011-2013 licensing cycle indicates a failure to timely complete continuing education in violation of <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 13:37-5.3, subjecting respondent to sanctions pursuant to <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 45:1-21(e) and (h).
- 3. Respondent's indication on his 2013 renewal application that he would have completed all required continuing education for the 2011-2013 licensing cycle constitutes misrepresentation in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(b).

Based on the foregoing findings and conclusions, a Provisional Order of Discipline was entered on December 30, 2014, provisionally suspending respondent's nursing license, and imposing a reprimand and a total of \$750 in civil penalties. A copy of the Order was served upon respondent by certified and regular mail at respondent's address of record. The Provisional Order was subject to finalization by the Board at 5:00 p.m. on the 30th day following entry unless respondent requested a modification or

dismissal of the stated Findings of Fact or Conclusions of Law by submitting a written request for modification or dismissal setting forth in writing any and all reasons why said findings and conclusions should be modified or dismissed and submitting any and all documents or other written evidence supporting respondent's request for consideration and reasons therefor.

The record reflects that the certified mailing of the Provisional Order was returned, marked "unclaimed"/ "unable to forward." The regular mailing of the order was not returned. No response has been received to date. The Board considered this matter, and determined that service had been effected, as the mailings had been sent to respondent's address of record with the Board. The Board further determined that as no discrepancies had been raised with respect to the findings and conclusions of the Provisional Order, additional proceedings were not necessary, and the Provisional Order should be made final.

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS on this 6^{th} day of $\frac{1}{100}$, 2015, ORDERED that:

- 1. Respondent's New Jersey nursing license is hereby suspended until he has fully responded to the Board's inquiry, and/ provided the Board with a valid mailing address, and until he has fully responded to the request for information and provided documentation of thirty (30) contact hours of valid nursing continuing education to be attributed to the 2011-2013 licensing cycle requirements
- 2. A public reprimand is hereby imposed upon respondent for the violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(b)..
- 3. A \$500.00 civil penalty is hereby imposed for the violation of N.J.A.C. 13:45C-1.2, -1.3, and a \$250.00 civil penalty is hereby imposed for the violation of

N.J.A.C. 13:37-5.3 for a total penalty amount of \$750.00. Payment shall be in the form of a certified check or money order, made payable to the State of New Jersey, and forwarded to the attention of George Hebert, Executive Director, New Jersey State Board of Nursing, P.O. Box 45010, 124 Halsey Street, 6th Floor, Newark, NJ 07101 within 21 days of the filing of this order.

4.. The Board reserves the right to take disciplinary action should the information provided, or subsequent information obtained by the Board, indicate that such action is warranted.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF NURSING

By:

Patricia Ann Murphy, PhD, APN

Board President